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## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the Abstract on page 64 with the following:

A nonaqueous electrolyte battery includes a positive electrode, a negative electrode, and a nonaqueous electrolyte. The nonaqueous electrolyte includes a cyclic carbonate having a carbon-carbon  $\pi$  bond and the positive electrode includes a positive active material including a composite oxide represented by a composite formula: Li<sub>x</sub>Mn<sub>a</sub>Ni<sub>b</sub>Co<sub>c</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (wherein  $0 \le x \le 1.1$ , a+b+c=1, |a-b|<0.05, 0<c<1) and having an  $\alpha$ -NaFeO<sub>2</sub>-type crystal structure.